

# Outdoor Report

The week of March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015



*South Dakota*



## Wildlife Division

**"Serving People, Managing Wildlife"**

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- The 2015 light goose conservation order runs from February 14<sup>th</sup> – May 3<sup>rd</sup>, statewide. Snow Geese are moving through the area now.
  - Season is closed for walleye, pike, largemouth bass and smallmouth bass on all MN/SD border waters until April 17<sup>th</sup>.
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## Brown County



### Fishing Report:

**Richmond Lake:** No fishing activity. The ice is no longer safe for ice fishing.

**Elm Lake:** No fishing activity. The ice is no longer safe for ice fishing.

**James River:** Anglers have been catching walleye and northern pike. Most of the walleye being caught are 14 to 16 inches. Anglers have been fishing by the gates at Sand Lake Refuge and Weismantel Grade.

**Elm River:** No fishing activity.



### Hunting Report:

**Light Geese:** There are decent numbers of snow geese throughout Brown County. Good congregations of snow geese are using Scatterwood Lake, Putney Slough, and Sand Lake Refuge. Hunters using decoys had decent success this weekend.

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## Clark County



### Fishing Report:

Ice is over 50% off all the lakes in Clark County.

**Dry Lake #2:** Fishermen are catching a few walleye and northern pike.

**Dry Lake #1:** Fishermen are catching an occasional walleye.

**Antelope Lake:** Fishermen are catching a few Northern Pike.

**Swan Lake:** Fishermen are catching a few northern pike and an occasional walleye.

**Baileys Lake:** Fishermen are catching a few walleye.

**Casey's Slough:** Fishermen are catching a few walleye. Most of the walleye are less than 14 inches, but a few nicer fish are being caught.

**Indian Springs:** Fishermen are catching a few walleye and northern pike.



### Hunting Report:

**Waterfowl:** The light goose season is currently open. There are still good numbers of birds around. A majority of the birds can be found in the eastern portion of the county. Hunters reported some better success this past week and weekend.

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## Codington County



### Fishing Report:

**Pelican Lake:** Pelican has lost the majority of its ice. Very little shore fishing to report as of now.

**Lake Kampeska:** Fishing has picked up again on the north end of the lake by City Park. Fishermen are reporting a good crappie bite along with some perch. A few walleye were being reported during the evening. There is still some ice in areas.

**Dry Lake:** No fishing pressure to report. The lake is in transition to open water.

**Goose Lake:** Very little fishing except for the open areas along the shore and the Grover road. Majority is covered with ice while in transition to open water.

**Long Lake:** No fishing pressure while the lake is in transition to open water.

**Grass Lake:** No angler reports.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Ave Pond:** Still offering good opportunity in and around town to catch bluegill, trout or sunfish.

**Stink:** No angler reports. Still in transition to open water.



### Hunting Report:

**Snow Geese:** Larger flocks of snow geese are still present in the county, especially in the western half.

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## Day County



### Fishing Report:

**Ice fishing in Day County has subsided with the recent warm weather. Ice conditions have depleted greatly and many of the lakes are not accessible due to the shoreline thawing.**

**Bitter:** Shore fishermen have started to fish in open water found mainly on the northwest portion of the lake. Those fishing are mainly catching 2 to 3 lbs. northern pike.

**Waubay:** Little fishing activity.

**Reetz:** Little fishing activity.

**Lynn:** Little fishing activity.

**Enemy Swim:** Little fishing activity.



### Hunting Report:

**Goose:** The number of snow geese in the area has increased dramatically over the past few weeks. Juvenile snows make up the majority of birds locally. Many of the adults have pushed north, but a few adults can be found in the area. Geese have been concentrating in large flocks of snows, blues, Canada and speckle bellies. Hunters need to be sure of their target for this reason. Scouting is key.

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## Deuel County



### Fishing Report:

**Lake Alice:** The entire lake is open now. A few anglers have tried fishing the culvert on the southwest corner of the lake and have been catching a few northern pike. There have been a few guys fishing the east shoreline in the evenings looking for walleye.

**Lake Cochrane:** No fishing activity.

**Lake Oliver:** No fishing activity.

**Lake Ketchum:** No fishing activity.

**Clear Lake:** A few anglers have been fishing by the culvert on the north side of the lake, but aren't having much success.

**Fish Lake:** No fishing activity.

**School:** A few northern pike are being caught from shore.

**Round:** No fishing activity.

**Bullhead:** No fishing activity.



### **Hunting Report:**

**Spring Light Goose:** The northwest portion of the county is holding a few birds. I have not seen any hunting pressure in the area.

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## ***Faulk County***



### **Fishing Report:**

**Lakes are beginning to open up.**

**Lake Faulkton:** No activity.



### **Hunting Report:**

**Snow Geese:** Snow geese continue to be present throughout the area. Scatterwood area is holding good numbers of birds. The huge masses are not as prevalent as last week, but hunters are still finding pockets of huntable numbers of birds.

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## Grant County



### Fishing Report:

**Big Stone Lake:** There is still ice in many places, including leading up to the shoreline so shore fishing activity has been minimal.

**Summit Lake:** There is some open water and a few anglers have been fishing, but overall the activity has been slow.

**Hunters Quarry:** No report of activity.

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## Hamlin County



### Fishing Report:

**Lake Poinsett:** Slow activity at Poinsett. There are still some parts of the lake with ice as it transitions to open water.

**Fedt Slough:** Slow this week with the water opening up.

**Three Buck:** No fishing activity while the water opened up. Didn't see any ice except right along shore.

**Clear Lake (Thomas):** Transitioning to open water.

**Lake Norden:** No fishing activity.

**Lake Albert:** Anglers have reported catching a few small walleye on Lake Albert, but the bite continues to be slow.

**Lakes John/Marry:** Water is open.



### Hunting Report:

**Snow Geese:** Still some small flocks of snow geese moving through the western half of the county.

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## Marshall County



### Fishing Report:

Ice on all area lakes should be considered unsafe. Please use extreme caution.



### Hunting Report:

**Snow Geese:** Snow geese continue to enter the county daily. Most of the geese are traveling quickly through the county. There is plenty of opportunity for hunters to harvest geese in the western portion of the county. Good luck and be safe.

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## McPherson & Edmunds Counties



### Fishing Report:

No activity.



### Hunting Report:

**Snow Geese:** Snow geese are still moving through this area. Most of the geese are coming through the Ipswich to Roscoe area. Mornings and evenings are the best time to hunt. Hunters in the field with decoys are having the best luck. Hunters pass shooting are also having some luck. There are plenty of snow geese still in this area.

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## Roberts County



### Fishing Report:

**Lake Traverse:** No activity due to poor ice conditions.  
**Dry Wood Lake:** No activity due to poor ice conditions.



## Hunting Report:

**Snow Geese:** There are some snow geese in the northwestern portion of the county, giving hunters an opportunity to harvest a few geese.

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## Spink County



## Fishing Report:

**Lakes are beginning to open up.**

**Twin Lake:** No fishing activity.

**Mud Lake:** No fishing activity.

**Cottonwood Lake:** No fishing activity.

**Redfield Lake:** Lake is open. Anglers are beginning to fish below the spillway.



## Hunting Report:

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